



Ron Dunton

Acting BLM Oregon-Washington State Director

Ron Dunton, a native of Western Oregon, brings a diverse professional background to the role as Acting State Director for Oregon -- Washington, a position he has held since June 2016. His long career in public lands includes stints as a helitack crew member and air tactical group supervisor, as well as a variety of other land management positions.

Ron's regular duty station is the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, ID, where he is BLM's Assistant Director for Fire and Aviation, a position that requires a keen awareness of habitat protection issues while collaborating with other Federal and state agencies as well as other partners to protect lives and property from the threat of wildfire.

He spent part of his land management career in Alaska, both as Project Manager and Authorized Officer for the BLM's Office of Pipeline Monitoring and as Deputy State Director for Lands and Cadastral Survey. Elsewhere, he served as the New Mexico Deputy State Director for Lands and Resources and Acting Director for the Office of Wildland Fire Coordination in Washington, D.C.

In Oregon-Washington, the landscapes that Ron administers are diverse. In western Oregon, the BLM manages 2 million acres of forest in a checkerboard ownership pattern. The public land found in eastern Oregon is characterized by large swaths of semi-arid basin and range topography. In Washington, the BLM lands are found predominantly east of the Cascade Mountain Range but include western points such as the San Juan Islands.